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**Goals:**

*To find as many of our old friends as possible and get them talking to each other again.*

*To build as complete a history of the unit as possible and make it available to all the members.*

*To perpetrate reunions.*

## **2011 Delta Bird Dog Reunion News**

### **Reunion 2011**

Looks like 199<sup>th</sup> and 221<sup>st</sup> are on the same page.

### **From Shot Gun Blast**

I am sure that by now you are all curious about just what happened at the Reunion Planning Meeting that was held in Nashville in mid-April. I suppose it is time to outline a bit of what was discussed and the decisions that were made at this preliminary meeting.

First, after some discussion among the participants the decision was made to consider San Antonio, Texas as the site of the 2011 reunion. There are a large number of sights and activities that we can visit or use in the area and there is great military support available as well.

Second, our discussion of a time frame for the reunion had us agreeing on the same time of year that we have had the past reunions, that will mean either October 7 – 10 or October 14 – 17, 2011. The deciding factors will be the availability of hotel space and the availability of support by our friends at IBDA.

Third, San Antonio does have a large airport that is served by most major carriers and several of the smaller feeder air carriers making it accessible for travel throughout the United States. This should be a factor in transportation costs.

Fourth, in surveying the members that have been willing to provide address information we find that a large portion of our Shotgun ranks live in the state of Texas and that these folks have not been participating in the reunions. We need to make our group activities available to all members by moving the reunion geographically.

Fifth, it is time to really get to know each other, we covered a six year time span and although we know the names of the folks we served with we need to learn more about their experiences not only in IV Corps but also what they did post Vietnam.

Don Smith Shot Gun (coordinator)

We have a number of Swamp Fox members with dual citizenship (ed)

## Letters to the editor

### Maj. Sam Muse

Anyone with information you like to share with Sue can contact her at the e-mail address below. Copy me please. (Doc)

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**I found your web site which included my Dad's name. My Daddy Sam Muse.**

**I was wondering if you knew him. I would dearly love to know about his ventures...i.e. What did he fly? I asked him once he told me he could fly everything. That made no sense to me. I have no knowledge of military aircraft.**

**Daddy would never talk to me about his military career. I guess he was trying to protect me from the horrors. Regardless I have always been curious about what he did. He spent so much time away from me when I was growing up. I just would love to know more.**

**Sam may have been a tough warrior but to me.... he was "My pretty Daddy." I was the baby of 5 children. He passed away in 1996.**

**If you could offer any assistance, I would greatly appreciate it....more than you will ever know.**

**I thought you may be interested in reading this tribute written by our preacher for Daddy's funeral. By the way he had a full honors service but I had to fight for him to receive that. We live very close to Ft Stewart, GA. His funeral was really a true celebration of his live. His widow told me that she couldn't be sad because she was**

**so proud of him.**

**Thank you once again!!**

**~Sue~**

**themuse23@hotmail.com**

## **Samuel Phillips Muse**

Born Nov. 22, 1923 – Moore County, N.C.  
Died September 24, 1996 – Jesup, GA. – 72 years old

Wife: Nan Muse

Daughters: Sandra Williams

Kathy Slone  
Christine Muse  
Sue Riner

Son: **Mike Muse**

Sisters: Carrie Mackie Pascal  
Mattie Kate Kaylor

11 grandchildren & 4 great-grandchildren

Orphaned at age three, reared in a Methodist orphanage.

Joined the United States Army at age 17.

**A veteran of WWII, Korea, and served twice in Vietnam.**

**A SPECIAL FORCES GREEN BERET, A MASTER-PARATROOPER, A PILOT AND INSTRUCTOR.**

**SAM WAS A HIGHLY DECORATED SOLDIER**, having received a Purple Heart, Two Silver Stars w/Oak Leaf Cluster, along with dozens of other medals.

In 1943 Sam married the late Willie Lee Dawson. They had five children.  
--She died in March 1984.

After retiring from the Army, Sam went back to school, learned a trade, and operated a business in Charleston, S.C.

--Later he went to Saudi Arabia, where he worked as an engineer, then retired in Bangkok.

**AUGUST 6, 1986, SAM MARRIED NAN AND MADE HIS HOME IN THAILAND.**

Although living in Thailand, he made frequent trips back to the states to visit with his family here. **Sam loved his family. Sam loved life.**

Sam lived more in 72 years than most live in 90 – or more years.

## **SAM SPENT HIS ENTIRE ADULT LIFE IN SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY – AND HUMANITY.**

He rose from a lowly, and disadvantaged circumstances to become a highly decorated champion of democracy. **His family can AND should be proud of him.**

## **SAM WAS A CHAMPION OF PEACE, GIVING HIS LIFE'S WORK TO BRING PEACE IN THIS WORLD.**

**--Early Tuesday morning, September 24, 1996, after fighting in wars around the world- In an effort to bring peace on earth, Sam found peace. He is now at rest.**

### **Go Cong**

I really enjoyed the article by Jerry Faust as he described a typical day during his tour at Go Cong. I was the Commanding Officer of the 199th from Jan-May 1969 and was amused as Jerry described his brief visits to our headquarters in Vinh Long. I want to thank Jerry for sharing his story; it brings back many memories of an era that changed all of us.

Maj Gary L. Kline (Col Retired)  
Swamp Fox 6

Doc

Reading about Jerry Faust's experiences in Go Cong reminded me of the short time I spent there. I was sent to Go Cong for a short time when Jerry was away ( I assume on R & R). My short time there was exciting so I can only imagine what 10 months was like for Jerry. I hadn't been in country long so I had never seen a landing strip on a road before. The old road was the runway and a detour parallel and a little lower than the old road carried the vehicular traffic. You can see that in the picture Jerry posted of the strip from the air. Three things stick out in my memory about Go Cong.

1. My first day there I was covering an operation where an American Lieutenant advisor was killed. He lay in the paddy face up for hours before Vietnamese troops retrieved his body. The memory of that Lieutenant laying there in the sun has stayed with me ever since.
2. One day when I returned to the strip there were a couple of Chinooks and Cobras sitting at one end. I think Jerry's pic shows a helicopter at the end they always parked on. I don't recall how long the strip was but a lot of it was used by the four parked helicopters. I should never have tried to land in the available distance but being young and bullet proof I did. I pushed on the brakes so hard that the front of the seat separated from the track. That was a design flaw on most Cessna aircraft in my opinion. At any rate I wound up in the back seat and the aircraft ran off the side of the strip. Fortunately for me I had slowed enough so there was no damage. Some Vietnamese soldiers

helped me get the mighty O-1 out of the mud and back on the strip. As I recall that was the most frightened I ever was in VN.

3. Another day a young Vietnamese female was riding a bicycle on the detour parallel to the strip when she was struck by an ambulance. She was severely injured and the Vietnamese in the ambulance refused to transport her to a hospital. I got really upset over that. The ambulance was an International Carry-All given to them by the US Government. The situation ended by me pointing my M-16 at the ambulance personnel and ordering them to carry her to a hospital. I am sure they dumped her once they were out of my sight.

What a war? I have always said it was a very poor war but the best one available at the time. That is the only way I kept my sanity. We were all young and idealistic about what we were there for. The slow realization that under US policy there was no way we were ever going to win was hard for this 24 yr old Regular Army Captain to accept.

Ralph McRae, jr  
Swamp Fox 26



## **A Hundred Feet Over Hell: Flying With the Men of the 220th Recon Airplane Company Over I Corps and the DMZ, Vietnam 1968-1969**

Hello to all of you. Just a note to apprise you of a new book of interest to all with O-1 backgrounds. Title: A HUNDRED FEET OVER HELL, Author: JIM HOOPER.

Publisher: ZENITH PRESS. Available May 2010 at Barnes and Nobel. This is an excellent read for anyone with knowledge of the O1/RAC mission in Vietnam. It's well written and depicts the experiences of the 220th RAC O-1 pilots, crew chiefs and the infantry and Airforce/Marine pilots they supported along the DMZ in 68-69. Check it out at B&N Bookstores.

Hope all is well with each of you. Dan Aldridge [Deepsea3@aol.com](mailto:Deepsea3@aol.com)

It is also on Amazon - [http://www.amazon.com/Hundred-Feet-Over-Hell-1968-1969/dp/0760336334/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1274106796&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Hundred-Feet-Over-Hell-1968-1969/dp/0760336334/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1274106796&sr=1-1)

IBDA store - <http://www.ibdaweb.com/merchandise.htm>

And on the shelf at the Ft. Rucker Museum gift shop. - **please call the museum at 888-276-9286 (ed)**

## 13<sup>th</sup> CAB Reunion

Subject: FW: Reunion Article

Attached is some photos and the Ft. Rucker Paper Article published today (see attachment - ed) Also below is a Link to You Tube to the fantastic Vietnam Tribute song and video put together and performed by Maj. Billington at the Saturday night dinner 15 may Ft Rucker 13th CAB Delta Reunion it has been re recorded as a standalone Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ehbc1zU1BwQ>

Larry Castagneto

MAJ J. Billington

1-13th AVN REGT

Received this forward from Don Nicholson

At the Saturday night banquet of the Delta Reunion, held at Ft. Rucker, there were many speakers and presentations. I doubt if anyone who was there will ever forget this one. I can't tell you how impressed I am with the troops I came in contact with over the weekend. With men and women like this serving us and leading us into the future, we are in excellent hands.

This active duty Major - Major Billingsley - was tasked with putting together a presentation for the reunion. In one day, he wrote the music and the words for this tribute - his tribute - to us - Vietnam Vets. Himself a veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan, he spoke of their sacrifices but he acknowledged the support and the welcome home they received. His song makes it clear he understood what it was like for us and for our country, when we came home. He did a fine job in giving me - and you - a great welcome home. And last night he sang that tribute - for us.

Thank you Major! Thank you for your service and God bless you!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOuBGnIM7lk>

When the Eagle Cried.

From: Bill Poor



Delta Birddog Reunion 2009 DVDs are available from Bill Poor. These are very well done indeed. Well worth the five bucks for shipping and material.

Contact Bill Poor at [wtpoor@comcast.net](mailto:wtpoor@comcast.net)

### MISC.

**M1A1 Pizza, breakfast, hair of the bird dog**

***Don't eat this at night. It will wake you up like in coming at 1am!***



I didn't put any measurement on this because it is all kind of a Bird Dog seat of the pants pizza. Just build it like you want it. Everything is optional except the andouille (Cajun Sausage).

1 Frozen cheese pizza of your choice. This is a good base to build any kind of pizza. Chili dog pizza, pulled pork and Bavarian Kraut pizza. What ever.

Andouille, thick slice like pepperoni

- Don't use that Hillshire Farms wimpy city andouille. Use the good stuff!
- If you can't get the real thing Hot Links come close.

[http://www.cajungrocer.com/fresh-foods-sausage-andouille-c-1\\_15\\_34.html?source=google&gclid=COKmxMqc4aECFUFW5woduVUwIA](http://www.cajungrocer.com/fresh-foods-sausage-andouille-c-1_15_34.html?source=google&gclid=COKmxMqc4aECFUFW5woduVUwIA)

Hash browns, cooked and broken up and seasoned with 50/50 Lawry's season salt and Old Bay.

Onion, thin sliced

Mais, put all dat stuff on top dat pizza. Bake it like it says on the box.

No rice, no roux. You start sauce with roux. No sauce.

[www.theeasytraveler.com/cajun/c\\_humor.htm](http://www.theeasytraveler.com/cajun/c_humor.htm)

Well if you want rice and roux you can have it. It's your pizza. What do I care?

Cooked bacon, crumbled

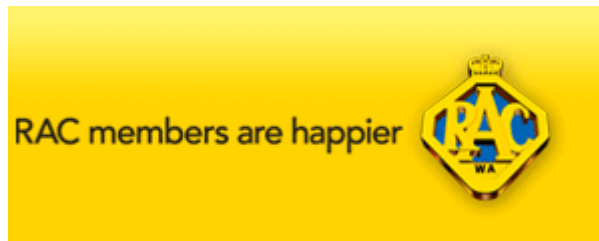
Scrambled eggs, cook like an omelet cut in wedges

Garnish with jalapeno strips and your JP4 of choice - Tabasco, Louisiana Supreme, Cajun Sunshine. Hot paprika (pimenton) if you can handle it.

<http://www.ingredientsgourmet.com/MILD%20PIMENTON.htm?gclid=CiULdLI2aECFWE45wodUXkXkg>



[www.amazon.com/TryMe-Cajun-Sunshine-Pepper-Sauce/dp/B0005ZYSHQ?](http://www.amazon.com/TryMe-Cajun-Sunshine-Pepper-Sauce/dp/B0005ZYSHQ?)



## Other RACs

21<sup>st</sup> RAC [www.geocities.com/davidwchandler/](http://www.geocities.com/davidwchandler/)

73<sup>rd</sup> RAC see 74<sup>th</sup> RAC

74<sup>th</sup> RAC [www.aloft74th.org](http://www.aloft74th.org)

119<sup>th</sup> RAC [www.219headhunters.com](http://www.219headhunters.com)

183<sup>rd</sup> RAC [www.183seahorse.org](http://www.183seahorse.org)

All Bird Dog Unit Reunion hosted by The Veterans of the 183rd Aviation Company (Seahorses) Reunion, September 9-12, 2010, Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Colorado Springs, Colorado

184<sup>th</sup> RAC [www.184rac.com](http://www.184rac.com)

185<sup>th</sup> RAC [www.angelfire.com/tx4/Pteradactyl1185/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/tx4/Pteradactyl1185/index.html) no info

199<sup>th</sup> RAC [www.SwampFox199thRAC.com](http://www.SwampFox199thRAC.com) -

203<sup>rd</sup> RAC no web site  
220<sup>th</sup> RAC [www.220raccatkiller.us.com](http://www.220raccatkiller.us.com) new Home page [www.catkillers.org](http://www.catkillers.org) - 2010  
221<sup>st</sup> RAC [www.221st.org](http://www.221st.org)

## DELTA REUNION

13Th CAB (combat aviation battalion) Vietnam reunion date for 2010 is over!

<http://shieldofthemekong.com/>

***Birddog Store*** - [www.druid-consulting.com/bird\\_dog\\_model.htm](http://www.druid-consulting.com/bird_dog_model.htm)

from Corky's -

[www.cafepress.com/corkysstudio/3000315](http://www.cafepress.com/corkysstudio/3000315)



## **WEB SITES of INTEREST**

These are the folks who supply the UH-1 rides for our Reunions.



[www.armyav.org](http://www.armyav.org)

**Ma Duce on the Huey**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rp2ahhSJQ04&feature=related>

**The new FN 50 cal GAU-21 M3M 600 ROUND BURST**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I99\\_fXwGPOc&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I99_fXwGPOc&feature=related)

**Ax Men – I know all y'all always wanted to do this.**

[www.history.com/shows/ax-men/videos#heli-logging-tech](http://www.history.com/shows/ax-men/videos#heli-logging-tech)

[www.history.com/shows/ax-men/videos#rookies-for-a-ride](http://www.history.com/shows/ax-men/videos#rookies-for-a-ride)

[www.history.com/shows/ax-men/videos#shelby-turtle-whisperer](http://www.history.com/shows/ax-men/videos#shelby-turtle-whisperer)

[www.history.com/shows/ax-men/videos#shelbys-scars](http://www.history.com/shows/ax-men/videos#shelbys-scars)

**Or you could just watch all 27**

**Long War Journal – news**

[www.longwarjournal.org](http://www.longwarjournal.org)

**Stratfor – news**

[www.stratfor.com](http://www.stratfor.com)

**[EAA calendar](#)**

**<http://www.eaa.org/events>**

**<http://www.eaa.org/airventure/> OSHKOSH**

## IBDA

### **This is the sixtieth Anniversary of the Bird Dog**

The additional information regarding our event is as follows:

1. Dates - Wednesday, September 15 to Sunday, September 19
2. Location - T-8, Gillespie County Airport, Fredericksburg, Texas
3. Hotel -- Hangar Hotel, \$99 a night, call 830/997-9990 be sure to tell them that this reservation is with the IBDA or Bird Dog Association. We have the whole hotel blocked.
4. Registration -- go to the IBDA website and either register on-line or print out a registration form. The on-line registration should be functional sometime during the first couple of weeks in April, so please continue to try.  
  
If you can't print out the form contact Carol Mulvihill at [av8trx@ktc.com](mailto:av8trx@ktc.com) or by snail mail at 46 Eagles Nest, Kerrville, Texas 78028/
5. Fuel Discount -- yes, to be determined when we get closer
6. Miscellaneous -- goody bags upon arrival, parts is parts sale, IBDA PX open, flight instruction, rides for hire, South Sea Island Pacific Showroom banquet, LBJ Ranch fly-in, CAF Museum visit, Tech panels, Ladies safety seminar, CAF Museum, SEA veterans panel, 7 meals included in registration and much more.



**IBDA Olive Color Hat With Birddog Logo**  
**Adjustable Size**  
**\$17.95 ea**  
[www.ibdawebsite.com/merchandise.htm](http://www.ibdawebsite.com/merchandise.htm)



[www.ibdawebsite.com](http://www.ibdawebsite.com)

**IBDA has been very supportive of Birddog Unit Reunions and deserves our thanks. We can show it by joining up. It's only a few bucks (\$30). Well worth it for the magazine alone. - editor (RJ)**

### **Rant Ring**

The Rant Ring is an e-mail list for joke spammers etc. Since I receive mountains of the stuff I decided to take a line from our present commander and chief and share the wealth. Everything I receive from the Rant Ring I forward to everyone on the Rant Ring. If you are feeling neglected and would like your in-box to overflow with everything from politics to pictures of little birdies or just feel like having a good Rant just drop me an e-mail. No one gets on the list without asking. No porn please. I don't screen the forwards.

### **SWAMP FOX NETWORK**

## **Welcome Home**

### **Daniel Trudeau**

I was in Vinh Long Mar 68 to Jun 69. I was a Vinh Long sector Crew Chief my first ship was 748 Brian Kinderman SF 22 Double Duce. We had 4 rockets and a M60 gas operated cocking Machine Gun on each side of 748. Later I moved to 721 and Crew for Ralph McRae SF 26 I found and installed the XM158 7 shot rocket pods on 721 and that was a lot of fun with that much fire power on a O-1G. It really fooled "Charlie" 14 rockets not 4 or 8. I' am living in Houston, Texas, and my e-mail is

[Daniel.Trudeau@comcast.net](mailto:Daniel.Trudeau@comcast.net)

### **Erik Frantz**

I was a transferred mechanic/aircraft inspector from the 245 SAC (OV-1 Mohawks) near DaNang in the spring of 1970. I worked in the Maintenance section as Maintenance Clerk until October '70.

I was a SP5 and my name is Eric Frantz. My MOS was 67H4H. My email is [vonzipbhs@yahoo.com](mailto:vonzipbhs@yahoo.com)

## **Harold "Andy" Beverly Swamp Fox 38**

sorry, no e-mail, no phone only snail mail.

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Notasulga, AL 36866

**I sign Fox ?? means I don't have your call sign.  
Drop me an e-mail and I will fix that.**

**If you have a change of phone number, address or especially e-mail address.  
Let me know so we don't lose touch with you,**

**Thanks, editor**

## **Site News**

Well it had to happen sometime. The old 2002 HP model Pentium 2 clunker, by today's standards, got so old parts fell off the mother board and it quit on may 20. KAPUT!! That's the old hard drives on top of the new HP E7 box. Now we're cookin'! Maybe I can get ten years out of this one. Of course the old MS Frontpage 2003 web site software isn't compatible with windows 7. The new stuff is on order. "Microsoft Expression Web" may be an exciting new experience, I hope not too exciting. It may be a while before I can update the web site.



Note that the Fox Fax can be viewed in pdf format on the Swamp Fox web site. Adobe reader is required.

[http://www.druid-consulting.com/news\\_letter.htm](http://www.druid-consulting.com/news_letter.htm)

Adobe Reader is available as a free down load from Adobe.

<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

***Established June 6, 2002      D-Day!***

**Status quo**

**If you have something to add to the Fox Fax, I need it before the fifth of the month. I try to publish the weekend following the fifth. Sometimes I am even on time.**

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**Cheers Y'all**

**(EOM)**

